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TAGS: CY, EEC

SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF FOR CYPRUS

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1. SUMMARY: IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL A, THE MISSION HAS APPROACHED THE EC COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE LEVEL OF DISASTER RELIEF BEING PROVIDED TO CYPRUS AND TO URGE THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO RESPOND TO THE CURRENT NEEDS OF THE CYPRIOT REFUGEES. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EC COMMISSION, IN RESPONSE TO A MISSION APPROACH, HAS PROVIDED US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING DISASTER RELIEF FOR CYPRUS:

3. FIRST, THE EC HAD, UNTIL THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES AT THE END OF JULY, A FOOD AID PROGRAM FOR CYPRUS IN PROGRESS, WHICH COMPRISED 5000 METRIC TONS OF WHEAT (VALUED AT \$200 PER METRIC TON) AND 250 METRIC TONS OF BUTTER OIL (VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$1600 PER METRIC TON). WITH THE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES THIS \$1.4 MILLION DOLLAR PROGRAM WAS TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED AND WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE EC COMMISSION IS THIS WEEK ATTEMPTING TO UNFREEZE THE SHIPMENTS IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO APPEALS FOR DISASTER RELIEF.

4. SECONDLY, WE ARE INFORMED AT THE WORKING LEVEL THAT THE COMMISSION IS CONSIDERING OFFERING THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS 500 TONS OF CEREALS AND 50 TONS OF SKIM MILK POWDER FOR DISASTER RELIEF IN CYPRUS. A DECISION WITHIN THE COMMISSION ON THIS IS EXPECTED SHORTLY.

5. ACCORDING TO OUR CONTACT, WHO ARE AMONG THE FEW OFFICIALS LEFT AT THE EC COMMISSION DURING THE AUGUST HOLIDAYS, THIS REPRESENTS ABOUT ALL THAT CAN BE EXPECTED FROM THE COMMUNITY INSTITUTIONS OF THE EC IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, PENDING THE RETURN TO BRUSSELS OF THE FULL COMMISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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